

Memorandum



Date: February 6, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 5(C)

From: George W. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Significant Modification of Building Better Communities Project No. 330 – The Wolfsonian – Florida International University (FIU)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a significant modification to the Building Better Communities bond program project description for the Wolfsonian – Florida International University (FIU) - Project No. 330 after a public hearing pursuant to Resolution No. R-919-04 ("Authorizing Resolution").

BACKGROUND

Appendix A to the Authorizing Resolution lists cultural facility projects eligible for funding from the Building Better Communities bond program by number, name and size. All additions, deletions and significant modifications to individual projects or to Appendix A require a majority vote of the Board after a public hearing.

One of the cultural facilities projects included in the Building Better Communities bond program as Project No. 330 is "Improvements to The Wolfsonian – FIU" with an allocation of \$10 million. The original description for this project, as included in Resolution No. R-919-04, states,

"Construct an approximately 25,000 sq. ft. addition to the museum's headquarter facility at 1001 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, including: additional storage and public-access to its library; public galleries; a 300-seat auditorium/lecture hall; classrooms and teaching spaces; an additional elevator; and visitor-friendly entrance and other pedestrian-access improvements."

The Department of Cultural Affairs has worked with The Wolfsonian-FIU to develop a strategic approach for maximizing the public benefits of their bond program funding. As a result of this work, it is recommended that the project description be modified to address improvements to the three facilities that comprise The Wolfsonian's campus as follows:

"Improve the museum by reorganizing and consolidating the program functions of all three of the Miami Beach buildings that comprise The Wolfsonian's campus: the headquarter facility at 1001 Washington Avenue; the Annex at 1538 Lenox Avenue; and the Community Cultural and Humanities Center (formerly, the Miami Beach Women's Club) at 2401 Pinetree Drive. Museum activities occur at these three Wolfsonian facilities, all located less than one mile from one another. The project elements to be evaluated include, but are not limited to improvements to: public galleries and meeting spaces; classrooms and teaching spaces; museum storage; visitor access to the library, library holdings and collections; elevator service; entrances; pedestrian and vehicular traffic access; and facility infrastructure systems, such as climate control, security, etc. The Wolfsonian's programming continues to increase significantly and a number of the overlapping functions among the facilities have resulted in inefficiencies and constraints to

public access. The objective of the capital project is to integrate the functions of these three facilities better and to maximize their ability to serve the public and The Wolfsonian's growing needs."

This strategic approach will result in a project that integrates The Wolfsonian's existing facilities more effectively, thereby significantly expanding the amount of space currently available for public access and research, educational and cultural programming. These improvements are critically important to ensure that one of our community's most significant and prestigious cultural institutions can achieve its ambition to be a vital cultural and educational resource for residents and visitors alike, and provide greater access to its collections, exhibitions, and educational programs for its growing local, national, and international audiences.

There is no fiscal impact on the allocation due to this modification.

This recommendation was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council on October 25, 2006. After hearing an explanation of the item at their meeting of November 15, 2006, there was a consensus among the members of the Building Better Communities Citizens' Advisory Committee that the item should be considered by the Board after committee review.



Assistant County Manager



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 6, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 5(C)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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02-06-07

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO BUILDING BETTER
COMMUNITIES BOND PROGRAM BY APPROVING
AFTER PUBLIC HEARING SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION
TO PROJECT NO. 330 - "IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
WOLFSONIAN-FIU" IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A TO
RESOLUTION NO. R-919-04

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by this reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves the significant modification to Building Better Communities Bond Program Project No. 330 - "Improvements to the Wolfsonian-FIU" identified in Appendix A to Resolution No. R-919-04 after a public hearing, all as more particularly described in the accompanying memorandum.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of February, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. GBK

Geri Bonzon-Keenan

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